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STATEMENT OF U.S. SENATOR BYRON L. DORGAN

(FARGO, ND) — U.S. Senator Byron L. Dorgan released the following statement Wednesday regarding the North Dakota agreement with TransCor.

"I have not been involved in the discussions between the State of North Dakota and the TransCor Corporation.

However, I feel that two things should happen in this matter.

1) First, I believe that TransCor should reimburse the State of North Dakota for all of the costs our state expended in apprehending Kyle Bell. The escape of this child killer was a result of negligence by the private carrier, and I don't believe North Dakota taxpayers should have to pay for that negligence.

2) The State's decision to continue using private companies to transport violent criminals is just plain wrong. I believe the State of North Dakota should immediately adopt the policy of transporting violent criminals only with the U.S. Marshal Service or other law enforcement agencies. The State of North Dakota should not be turning a convicted child killer over to a private company for transport. Killers like Kyle Bell should always remain in the custody of law enforcement."

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